



# City of Deer Park Messenger

## In Memory of Charles Garrison



**Charles Garrison**  
1927-2011

It is with deep sadness that the Deer Park community learned of Council Member Charles Garrison passing away on February 9, 2011. Charles was truly an integral part of the community. His outstanding service to the City included serving as Council Member from 1981 to 1993 and again from 1999 until his passing in 2011, for a total of 24 years. He was well regarded by all for his hard work, enthusiasm and warm personality. Charles will be

particularly remembered for his unwavering courtesy and old-fashioned good manners. Charles' dedication to his community was reinforced by his service on countless City committees and for being an active member of numerous local organizations.

With Charles' passing, the community has lost a great friend, a good neighbor, a truly excellent public representative, and a person dedicated to making the Deer Park community the best it could be. Charles' contributions and dedicated service has no doubt impacted many within our community.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Charles' wife, Sherry, and their family at this time of grief. We have lost a good friend and an honorable man that was loyal to the people he served.



*Spring 2011*

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## Totally Texas Festival & Parade

Celebrate Texas' Independence at the Totally Texas Festival on April 8 & 9 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. The parade will be on April 9 at 11am. It's a weekend of entertainment for the entire family! For more information, visit our website at [www.deerparktx.gov/totallytexas](http://www.deerparktx.gov/totallytexas), call 281-478-2050, or watch

DPTV on Comcast channel 16, Comcast Digital Cable channel 99, or AT&T U-verse channel 99.

### BBQ Cook-Off

Booth spaces for the Totally Texas BBQ Cook-Off on April 1 & 2 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center will be \$100 for each 40x40 spot.



The cooking categories to be judged will be chicken, ribs, brisket, and Cook's Choice. All booth fees will go into a scholarship fund for Deer Park High School seniors. For more information, visit our website at [www.deerparktx.gov/cookoff](http://www.deerparktx.gov/cookoff).

## City of Deer Park

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The City of Deer Park recycling containers are located at the Transfer Station at 610 Old Underwood Road. Your recyclable materials (aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper) will be accepted at the Transfer Station Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm, and Saturdays, 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 281-478-7253.

**DIRECTIONS TO TRANSFER STATION:** Travel east on X Street. Coming from Center Street, you will cross Luella Ave., East Blvd., and S. Battleground Road. X Street will come to an end at the stop sign at Old Underwood Road. The Transfer Station is located directly on the left.

### Public Wi-Fi Hotspots

Public Wi-Fi service hotspots are now available at The Battleground Golf Course Pro Shop, the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, the Ella & Friends Dog Park, and the Deer Park Public Library (library card required for access to service).

## City Officials

### Elected Officials

Wayne Riddle.....	Mayor
Sherry Garrison.....	Councilmember - Position 1
Thane Harrison.....	Councilmember - Position 2
Chris Richey.....	Councilmember - Position 3
Bill Patterson.....	Councilmember - Position 4
Beckie Stockstill-Cobb.....	Councilmember - Position 5
Jeff Pound.....	Councilmember - Position 6

### Department Directors

James J. Stokes.....	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson.....	Assistant City Manager
Sandra Watkins.....	City Secretary
Keith Nelson.....	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert.....	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen.....	Director, Public Works
Paul Wilson.....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool.....	Director, Library
Sam Pipkin.....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg.....	Chief of Police
Linda McHone.....	I.T. Manager

### Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox.....	City Attorney
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### City Facilities

Animal Shelter.....	281-478-7274.....	4213 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theatre...	281-478-7288.....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center.....	281-478-7216.....	601 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Battleground Golf Course.....	281-478-2080.....	1600 Georgia
City Hall.....	281-479-2394.....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center ...	281-478-2060.....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center.....	281-478-2050.....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1.....	281-478-2043.....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2.....	281-478-7282.....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd
Fire Station #3.....	281-478-7281.....	2211 East "X"
Jimmy Burke Activity Center.....	281-478-2049.....	500 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Kingsdale Center.....	281-478-7215.....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center.....	281-478-7276.....	1201 Center
Municipal Court.....	281-478-7238.....	1302 Center
Police Station.....	281-479-1511.....	2911 Center
Public Library.....	281-478-7208.....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool.....	281-478-2055.....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station.....	281-478-7252.....	610 Old Underwood

# Library News

## Deer Park Library Hours

Mon. & Wed. 10am-6pm

Tues. & Thurs. 10am-9pm

Fri. & Sat. 10am-5pm

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library will hold their spring book sale on April 14-16 during library hours. Members of the Friends of the Library may attend the preview sale on April 12 from 5-9pm. Annual membership dues are \$5/year for individuals, \$10/year for families, and \$2/year for senior citizens.

The Friends Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 28 from 7-9pm. The meeting is open to the general public. The agenda includes a discussion of the upcoming library renovation. For further details, please call the library.



## Scholastic Book Fair

June 2-11

The Scholastic Book Fair kicks off this year's Summer Reading Club registration. The book fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library and will be open during library hours. Proceeds from the book fair fund the incentive prizes for children participating in the Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club is for all children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. A brochure with more information on reading club events and prizes will be available after May 1.

## Family Flick

Mar. 14, 10:30am-12pm

It's a special showing of Walt Disney's classic "The Rescuers." Just bring your pillow and we'll provide the snacks!



## Youth Services

Storytime programs for toddlers and preschool children will continue through April 28. These weekly storytime programs incorporate books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning.

## Toddler Storytime

For children up to 3½ years old

Wednesdays & Thursdays

10:15-10:45am

The sessions include stories and activities designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents or caregivers are required to stay with the toddler to help them participate.



## Preschool Storytime

For children 3½ to 6 years old

Thursdays, 11-11:45am

In these sessions, children listen to stories and participate in group activities. A craft often enhances the story theme.

## Kids' Crafts

For children ages 5-8

Mar. 15, 2-3pm - Spring Craft

Apr. 5, 4-5pm - Easter Craft



## Pre-Teen Crafts

For children ages 9-12

4-5pm

Mar. 15 - St. Patrick's Day Craft

Apr. 4 - Easter Craft

## Pre-Teen Game Day

For children ages 9-12

Mar. 17, 3-5pm

Enjoy board games, video gaming, and snacks!

## Teen Programs

Teen Bonanza

Mar. 14, 1-5pm

Join us this spring break for games, video gaming, snacks, and a movie.



## Teen Tech

Wednesdays, 3:45-5:30pm

Video gaming for teens after school. No fee or registration required. Snacks provided. Extended hours from 1-5pm on Mar. 16 for the Smash Kart Tournament.



## Teen Summer Volunteers

Teen volunteers are needed during the Summer Reading Club program. Volunteer just a few hours a week June 13 through July. Be a part of the summer fun and accrue volunteer credit. Registration begins May 2. Call the Library for more information.

## Beginning Crochet Class

*For ages 8-adult*

*Tuesdays, 7-8pm*

Learn at your own pace and attend at your convenience. Crochet hooks and yarn, as well as other initial materials, provided.



## Adult Services

**Mystery Book Club** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Registration is not required.

*Mar. 8 - Family Secrets*

*The Darkest Room*

by Johan Theorin  
&

*The Water's Lovely*

by Ruth Rendell

*Apr. 12 - Cold Case Mysteries*

*Close to Home*

by Peter Robinson  
&

*A Place of Execution*

by Val McDermid

*May 10 - The Amateur Detective*

*A Duty to the Dead*

by Charles Todd  
&

*A Royal Pain*

by Rhys Bowen

## Computer Classes

*For ages 17 & over*

*Thursdays*



Classes are free, space is limited, and registration is required. For more information,

visit [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library).

### Introduction to Computers

Become familiar with the parts of a computer, and get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and more.

*Mar. 3, 2:30-4:30pm*

*Mar. 17, 6:30-8:30pm*

*May 12, 2:30-4:30pm*

### Introduction to the Internet

#### Part 1, Browsing the Web

Learn basic skills in Internet Explorer 8, understand online security and how to protect yourself, and learn how to manage more than one open window at a time.

*Mar. 10, 2:30-4:30pm*

*Apr. 21, 6:30-8:30pm*

### Introduction to the Internet

#### Part 2, Web E-mail Basics

Learn how to obtain a web e-mail address, send and receive messages, add attachments to your messages, and manage your account.

*Mar. 17, 2:30-4:30pm*

*May 5, 6:30-8:30pm*

### Introduction to Social Networks

Learn the basics of social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Linkin.

*Apr. 7, 6:30-8:30pm*



## Ancestry.com, Part 1

Learn how to begin your search for family history. You'll create a free account so you can access the Library's resources from home and search at your own pace.

*May 12, 6:30-8:30pm*

## Ancestry.com, Part 2

Learn how to use message boards and forums to make connections with other people researching your family line. You'll also be able to search census records for family members who lived before 1930!

*May 19, 6:30-8:30pm*

## Your Library 24/7 - Online Resources

Learn about the databases made available to you by the Deer Park Public Library. You will be able to access these resources while at the library and from home.

*Mar. 10, 6:30-8:30pm*

*May 19, 2:30-4:30pm*

## Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics

Learn to create and edit spreadsheets, as well as how to create formulas and functions.

*Apr. 21, 2:30-4:30pm*

## Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Basics

Learn how to create presentations using themes, text boxes, animation, and clip art.

*Mar. 3, 6:30-8:30pm*

*May 5, 2:30-4:30pm*

## Microsoft Word 2007 Basics

Learn how to create and edit documents, including resumes, letters, and reports.

*Apr. 7, 2:30-4:30pm*

# Library News

## Workforce Solutions Job Seminars

*Mondays, 10am-12pm*

Workforce Solutions will be hosting free job seminars at the Library this spring. Seminars include Creating a Resume/Completing the Application, Creating References, Cover & Thank You Letters, Interviewing, Evaluate Your Skills and Develop a Plan, and Networking/Using the Internet. Booklets for the seminars will also be provided free of charge. Registration is not required. Please call or visit the library for more information.

## Online Resources

*Your Key to the Library After Hours*

Did you know you could access our online resources anytime, even when we are closed? Visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and click on *Online Resources* to view the complete list of available resources. You can now download or print articles from our TexShare Databases, find books to read online for children in kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Capstone Interactive or PebbleGo, research a medication or medical diagnosis in the Health and Wellness Resource Center, use the Chilton database to find full repair and maintenance information for most imported and domestic cars, and much more. To use the Library's online resources, all you need is a current library card and Internet access. Please contact us to obtain login and password information.

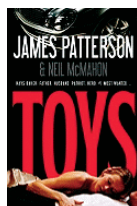
## New Books



*Live Wire*  
by Harlan Coben

*The Jungle*

by Clive Cussler & Jack Du Brul

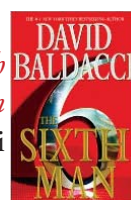


*Toys*

by James Patterson & Neil McMahon

*The Sixth Man*

by David Baldacci

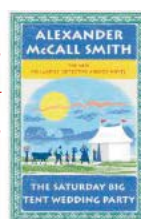


*Mystery*

by Jonathan Kellerman

*The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*

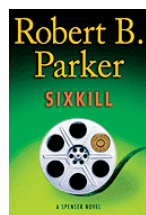
by Alexander McCall Smith



*Goddess of Vengeance*  
by Jackie Collins

*A Drop of the Hard Stuff*

by Lawrence Block

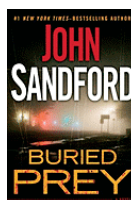


*Sixkill*

by Robert B. Parker

*Buried Prey*

by John Sandford



# Parks & Recreation

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Egg Hunt & Festivities



*For ages 6 months to 9 years old  
April 16, Dow Park*

9am - Bunny Bingo

(25 cents per card)

Petting Zoo (Nominal fee)

Pony Rides (Nominal fee)

Wagon Rides (Nominal fee)

9:15am - Carrot Pull (\$1 per pull)

9:30am - Sidewalk Chalk Picture Contest (\$1 per sidewalk square)

9:30am - Rubber Ducky Races *Free*

10:30am - Egg Hunt *Free*

11am - Rockin' Cowgirls *Free*

*In case of inclement weather, the annual Egg Hunt will move indoors to the Earl Dunn Gym and will be scheduled as follows:*

*10:30am for 6 months-2 yrs. old, 10:50am for 3-5 yrs. old, & 11:10am for 6-9 yrs. old.*

## Egg Hunt for Pooch

*Free (nominal fee for photographer)*

*April 16, 2pm*

*Ella & Friends Dog Park,*

*500 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St.*

A special egg hunt for your canine friends, complete with door prizes, a photographer, and an award for the most festive pooch. Dogs must be on a leash.

## ***Pedestrian Recycling Program***

According to the American Beverage Industry, bottles and cans are among the most recycled consumer packaging in the United States. Recycling materials, such as plastic bottles, turn these items which would otherwise become waste into valuable resources.

The City of Deer Park was awarded a Solid Waste Grant funded in part by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the purchase of sixty 50-gallon new recycling bins and two solar powered BigBelly trash compactors with recycling units to start off the Deer Park Pedestrian Recycling Program. The sixty recycling containers will be divided between the Girls Softball Complex, 500 W. X Street, and the Spencerview Athletic Complex, 4514 Durant Street. The BigBelly trash compactors with recycling units will be located at City Hall, 710 E. San Augustine, and the Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine.

Although recycling is not mandatory, we strongly encourage your participation. Please do your part to help the community you live, work, and play in. The Deer Park Pedestrian Recycling Program needs your support and participation to be successful.

For more information, contact the Deer Park Parks & Recreation Dept. at 281-478-2050.

**Reduce  
Reuse  
Recycle**



## ***Adult Softball League***

It's a 7-week league, starting March 21. All grass infields! Payment must be made for spot to be assured. Managers' meeting for all registered teams is at 6pm on March 10 at the Community Center.

*\$420 per team for double headers*

*Mon. & Thurs., 6:30pm - Recreational*

*Tues., 6:30pm - Co-Recreational*

*Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasa. Blvd.*

## ***Adult Dodgeball League***

Do you remember how much fun it was to play dodgeball when you were a kid? Join our league and find out if you still got it! Reservations for practice are available on Tuesdays from 6-9pm.

*\$150 per team*

*Thurs., 6pm*

*Earl Dunn Gym*



## ***National Arbor Day***

Support the planting of native trees in our community. The City would like to invite you to plant a tree in one of our parks. If you would be interested in our *Go Green* effort, please contact Jacob Zuniga or Charlie Sandberg at 281-478-2050.

*April 29, 7am-3pm*

## ***Pitch, Hit & Run***

It's the official skills competition of Major League Baseball for area youth! Girls will use a softball for the pitching and hitting. Participants can choose only one local event. Bring your bat and cleats (metal spikes are not allowed) to test your skills in pitching, hitting, and running for a chance to advance to the sectional competitions. Participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Parents must be present to sign an entry form. For boys & girls, ages 8-15.

*Free*

*April 9, 9am-12pm*

*Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasa. Blvd.*

## ***Cheer Show Off Extravaganza 2011***

Show off your team spirit and skills at our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Cheer Show Off Extravaganza! Compete in recreational, school (elementary, intermediate, and high school divisions) and all star categories (levels 1-4). Performance schedule will be determined according to registration.

*\$35 per cheerleader*

*March 5*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*



# Parks & Recreation

## ***Head Start Summer Track and Field***

Get ahead of the competition this summer. 2 workouts each week with conditioning and general skills development. The team will compete in the Gulf Coast Track Circuit in early June. The top 2 participants in each event will qualify to compete at the Games of Texas, July 28-31, in Waco. For boys & girls, kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. A copy of the participant's birth certificate is required for new participants. Registration begins April 1. Workouts start April 19.

*\$50 (includes registration, T-shirt and transportation to track meets)*

*Tues. & Thurs., 6-8pm*

*North Campus Track*

## ***Rent the City Pool for Private Parties***

Start making your reservations for private pool parties on April 1. You can rent our 50-meter pool with the use of the baby pool for company parties, church functions, family reunions, birthday parties, etc. All rentals are subject to the availability of the City's certified/qualified lifeguards and managers. The rental guidelines are available online at [www.deerparktx.gov/recreation](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recreation). For reservations, contact Linda Darby at 281-478-2050. Reservations are available to residents and non-residents of Deer Park.

*June 6-Aug., Mon.-Fri. 9-11pm, Sat.*

*9am-12pm & 9-11pm, Sun. 6-9pm*

*\$100 refundable deposit required*

*\$100 per hour for residents*

*\$150 per hour for non-residents*

*2 hour minimum required*

## ***NASCO Lifeguard Certification Class***

After successful completion of this 14-hour course, each participant will earn a certification in basic lifeguarding, advanced First Aid & CPR, oxygen administration, and AED. The certification is site specific. Class is limited to 25. For ages 16 and older. For location and specific dates, call 281-478-2050.

*\$100 (includes equipment and textbooks)*

## ***Community Center Parties***

Host your next party at the Deer Park Community Center! Each party includes the room rental, tables/chairs, a party host, and 2 hours of loaded fun in our game room. Limited to 30 people per party. Call 281-478-2050 for details.

*\$75 Base party package*

## ***Spring Break Out***

Kick off this spring with an exciting week of activities! It will be 5 days of pure fun - field trips, dodgeball, arts & crafts, cooking, and more.

For ages 6-11.

*\$100 per child*

*March 14-18, 7:30am-5:30pm*

*Claude Burgess Center*

## ***Spring Break Teen Camp***

Every day will be a new day of adventure and fun! Limited to 20 participants. We'll meet at the Community Center daily before we travel somewhere different. For ages 13-16.

*\$135 per child*

*March 14-18, 9am-4:30pm*

## ***Spring Break Nature Nuts Camp***

It's time to get outside and explore! We'll venture out on daily field trips and enjoy nature in different parks, see tons of bugs and animals, plus have picnic lunches. For ages 6-12.

*\$100 per child*

*March 14-18, 7:30am-5:30pm*

*Avon Recreation Center*

## ***Wheelin' World***

A skate park event for all who enjoy skating, rollerblading, and riding scooters or bikes. It's a day of fun and excitement with free music, drinks, food, and door prizes.

*Free*

*May 14, 11am-2pm*

*Dow Park Skate Park*

## ***Sunrise Exercise***

An all inclusive exercise class early in the morning for individuals, ages 13 and older. It's a full body workout with weight lifting exercises, cardio, and stretching exercises designed to tone the entire body.

*\$35 per 5-week session or \$7 walk-in*

*Starts April 5*

*Tues. & Thurs., 6-6:40am*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## ***Fitness Day***

We encourage everyone to come out, get moving, and enjoy the outdoors. We'll have games, live music, health and fitness vendors, different exercise classes, door prizes, and healthy snacks. There's something for everyone!

*Free*

*April 30, 10am-2pm*

*Dow Park*

## **Private Tennis Lessons**

Private lessons are available on a limited basis. Contact Coach Ted Geier at 713-539-3649 or [tedgeiertennis@yahoo.com](mailto:tedgeiertennis@yahoo.com) for availability.

*\$40 per hour or \$200 for 6-hour package  
Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Intermediate & Advanced Tennis**

This program is designed so students can practice fundamental strokes and more advanced strategies under a supervised group format. Groups are organized according to age and ability. Drill groups are part of the year round program for developing young tennis players.

*\$79 for 6 weeks (1 hr class per week)  
\$99 for 6 weeks (1½ hr class per week)  
March 29-May 5  
Performance Team Drill Group  
Intermediate, ages 8-14  
Saturdays, 9:45-10:45am (Coach Joel)  
Tues. & Thurs., 5-6pm (Coach Ted)  
Tournament Tough Drill Group  
Advanced, ages 9-17  
Tues. & Thurs., 6-7:30pm (Coach Ted)  
Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **USA Tennis 1-2-3**

This program is designed to introduce children to tennis in a pressure-free environment and combine instruction, practice, and match play into the same day experience.

*\$79 per 6-week session  
Apr. 2-May 14  
(Class will not meet on Apr. 23.)  
Tennis Buddies, ages 5-8  
Saturdays, 8:30-9:30am (Coach Joel)  
Future Stars, ages 9-12  
Saturdays, 9:45-10:45am (Coach Joel)  
Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Adult Cardio Tennis**

Cardio Tennis – it's the ultimate, high energy workout. A new and fun way to get in shape and burn calories. For more information, go to [www.cardiotennis.com](http://www.cardiotennis.com).

*\$60 for 6 classes (1 class per week)  
March 28-May 4  
Mon. & Wed., 5:30-6:30pm  
Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Yoga for Health & Well-Being**

Increase your range of motion, strengthen and tone your muscles, and reduce stress with this gently guided approach. It is easy to follow and suitable for all levels of fitness. Each class will focus on a selected theme, such as neck and shoulders, or hips and lower back. Yoga mats are provided. Shoes are not required. Wear clothing suitable for exercise and movement.

*\$49 for any 4 classes within a session,  
\$89 for unlimited classes within a session,  
or \$15 per class (Missed classes are non-refundable and nontransferable.)  
Session 1: March 7-31  
Session 2: April 4-28  
Mon. & Thurs., 6:45-7:45pm  
Claude Burgess Center*

## **VIPAR (Volunteers in Parks and Recreation) Program**

This program is designed to encourage youth to spend their time productively by assisting in recreational programs during the summer break. Participants learn new skills, build self-esteem, and gain experience in a positive atmosphere. Applicants must be able to devote time to the program and have transportation.

Volunteer opportunities will be Monday through Friday, starting June 13. However, it may only be for a few hours each day. Applications will be available on March 29. The deadline to submit an application is May 9. Apply at the Deer Park Community Center. There will be a training session on June 10 from 9-11:15am for applicants who are selected to participate. For ages 12 and older.

## **Community Center Preschool**

The Community Center Preschool Program provides the highest standard in preschool education. A wide variety of fun, age appropriate activities throughout the school year will prepare children for their future. Classes are held 2, 3, or 5 days a week from 9am to 12pm or 2pm. Ask about our inclusion program held at the Early Childhood Center. Preschool begins Sept. 6.

## **Bravo Cheer Workshop**

Bravo Cheer is offering a workshop for new and experienced cheerleaders. Topics include the fundamentals of cheerleading, including motion, jump, and voice techniques, and for experienced cheerleaders, basic stunt techniques and tips for try-outs. In addition, they will learn cheer chants, stunts, and a cheer routine. For ages 4-18. Visit [www.bravocheer.com](http://www.bravocheer.com) for more information.

*\$90, plus \$10 for a practice shirt  
Thursdays, April 14-June 2  
6:30-7:15pm  
Deer Park Community Center*



# Parks & Recreation

## Pilates

Strengthen and tone your body, better your posture, regain balance, and burn calories. For teens and adults. No classes in April.

*\$40/month (2 days per week), after the 5<sup>th</sup> - \$50/month*

*\$20/month (1 day per week), after the 5<sup>th</sup> - \$30/month*

*\$7 Drop-in fee*

*Tues. & Thurs., 6:30-7:30pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*



## Martial Arts

We teach Taekwondo and Shorin-Ryu. Learn a variety of defensive and offensive maneuvers, such as counters to punches, escapes from wrist grabs, bear hugs, take downs, and many hand/foot striking techniques. Parents receive a \$5 discount when enrolling with a child.

*\$30/month for 2 classes per week, after the 5<sup>th</sup> - \$40/month*

*\$40/month for 3 classes per week, after the 5<sup>th</sup> - \$50/month*

*Mon., Wed., & Fri.*

*Introd. Class, ages 5-12, 6:40-7:15pm*

*Beginners' Class, ages 5-12, 7:15-8pm*

*Adult Class, ages 13 & over, 8-8:45pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Ladies Low Impact Aerobics

This class includes cardiovascular exercise to elevate the heart rate, plus sculpting and weights.

*\$20/month, after the 5<sup>th</sup> - \$30/month*

*Mon., Wed. & Fri., 8:30-9:30am*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Mini Summer Kick-Off Registration

Register for the following programs at the Summer Kick-Off event: Camp Crabgrass, Nature Camp, and Preschool Day Camp, Arts & Crafts, and Tumbling. Doors open at 4:30pm. Registration for residents begins at 6pm. Proof of residency is required. Registration for non-residents begins at 7pm. Payment must be made at time of registration. Checks will not be accepted. An online account at [activenet.active.com/dprecreation](http://activenet.active.com/dprecreation) is required before registration. Although you will be able to set up an account during Kick-Off night, we encourage you to do so prior to your arrival. You will be able to make changes to your registration starting at 9am on May 9.

*May 5, 6-8pm Deer Park residents & 7-8pm Non-residents*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Concealed Hand Gun Class

This course covers the rules and regulations to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm in the State of Texas, as well as the safety, maintenance, and storage of a firearm. For ages 21 & over, or 18 years old if actively serving in the military.

*\$100 for Students*

*\$90 for Deer Park Educators*

*\$70 for City Employees*

*\$70 for DPVFD*

*\$60 for Active Military/Reserve*

*\$40 for Police Officers*

*March 5, April 9 & May 7*

*8:30am-4pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Zumba Fitness

It's a cardio class that combines dance and fitness. You will burn from 300 to 800 calories per class. Join the millions of people who have decided to combine fun with exercise.

*\$50 per 6-week session (1 day per week)*

*\$85 per 6-week session (2 days per week)*

*\$10 Drop-in fee*

*Session 1: Feb. 22-March 31*

*Session 2: Apr. 5-May 12*

*Tues. & Thurs., 7-8pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*



## Basic Dog Obedience

Learn how to use positive reinforcement to train your dog to listen to you. We'll show you how to teach your dog simple commands that will help him become a better family member.

*\$75 per session*

*Tues., 7-8pm*

*Session 1: March 1-April 19*

*Session 2: May 3-June 21*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## Self Defense for Women

Learning self defense is one of the most effective ways to improve your sense of security. This program includes defensive and offensive maneuvers, basic blocking, and striking techniques that are easy to learn, remember, and execute. Please wear comfortable clothes to stretch in.

*\$50*

*March 1-April 26*

*Tuesdays, 6:45-8pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

*For more information on Parks & Recreation activities and events, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/recreation](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recreation).*

## Economic Dev.

### Business News

- *Captain Benny's Seafood Restaurant*, corner of East Blvd & E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. - Construction is expected to be completed by mid-2011.
- *Shinken Martial Arts*, 4307 Red Bluff - Learn jujitsu, ninjutsu, koppo karate, plus samari and ninja arts training.
- *STEPS Performing Arts Ctr.* - Underwent its 4<sup>th</sup> expansion in the Food Town shopping center and now occupies approx. 8,500 sq. ft.
- *TorcUp*, 4201 Center St. - Retail/repair facility relocated to this new, larger location.
- *United Shutdown Safety*, 629 Howard St. - A leader in providing equipment, technology and solutions for shutdown safety; serves as the U.S. headquarters.
- *Fishbone Solutions*, 320 Center St. - High-quality management and technical services for the petrochemical industry.
- *Fishbone Safety Solutions*, 208 X. St. - Relocated from location at 2010 Center St.
- *Global Safety Solutions*, 1318 Underwood Rd. - Provides flame resistant workwear and personal protective equipment.
- *Odin Industrial Demolition* - Expanded by 1,000 sq. ft. to occupy the entire building at 11 Center St.
- *Vopak*, 2759 Independence Parkway - Newly built 40,000 sq. ft. space which brought 40 new employees to Deer Park.
- *The Fish Place*, 9001 Spencer

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## Employee Awards



*October – Supervisor  
John White, Police Dept.*



*October – Field Services  
Greg Melching, Public Works Dept.*



*October – Support Staff  
Cristina Gossett, City Manager's Dept.*



*November – Supervisor  
Matt Edwards, Public Works Dept.*



*November – Field Services  
Alejandro Aragon, Public Works Dept.*



*November – Support Staff  
Tara Riley, Finance Dept.*



*November – Support Staff  
Melissa Saucier, Finance Dept.*



*December – Supervisor  
Bobbie Magee, I.T. Services Dept.*



*December – Field Services  
Tim Alexander, Public Works Dept.*



*December – Support Staff  
Sharon Moblo, Police Dept.*

# Fire Department

## *Outdoor Grilling*

In springtime, we notice an increase in the use of gas grills and BBQ pits. Every year, the Fire Dept. responds to an increased number of fires related to outdoor cooking. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe.

- Inspect your gas grill for leaks, frayed igniter wiring, worn hoses,

and loose connections. Use leak detection solution to check all connections for tightness.

- Keep your grill clean so the potential of flaring during use is reduced.
- Never leave the grill unattended. While cooking foods, fats can cause flaring and result in uncontrolled flames.

- Utilize the propane tank exchange program to ensure you receive a propane tank that has been properly inspected.
- Always grill outdoors in well ventilated areas and never in a parking garage, carport, porch, or under surfaces that can burn.
- Keep the grill lid open when lighting. Propane gases and

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# Public Works

## *Drainage Maintenance*

Maintaining drainage swales, ditches, inlets, and drainage pipes is of key importance when preventing flooding in any community. Debris in the storm drain system can obstruct the flow of flood waters, which can cause overflow into streets and yards.

Maintenance of the drainage system allows for a high flood flow capacity. The Public Works Dept. clears and performs other maintenance work on the system at least twice a year and on an emergency needed basis. Citizens are expected to perform routine maintenance on ditches located on rights-of-way in front of their properties. This includes the removal of high weeds, litter, and other items which could cause an obstruction. If you are aware of any drainage obstructions, please report it to the Public Works Dept. at 281-478-7252.

## *Adopt a Pet*

Find animals available for adoption at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or contact the Deer Park Animal Shelter at

281-478-7274. There is a \$50 adoption fee for animals.

## *Transfer Station*

The Transfer Station, located at 610 Old Underwood, is open to Deer Park citizens on Saturdays from 9am-4:30pm. Two (2) forms of identification are required to prove residency. Kitchen rubbish, lawn debris, and construction type materials are accepted. However, combustible materials and containers, such as gas, lantern oil, fuel, and butane containers cannot be accepted.

The recycling containers are located at the Transfer Station and open Monday through Friday from 9am-6pm and Saturdays from 9am-4:30pm.

## *Heavy Trash Pick Up*

Non-kitchen type rubbish needs to be placed at curbside by 8am on Wednesdays for heavy trash pick up. Sometimes the volume of trash generated is so great that pick up continues into Thursday and, possibly, even Friday. If the material

was at curbside by 8am on Wednesday, the Sanitation Crew is aware of it, and will be back by Friday afternoon to pick up your debris. For questions, contact the Public Works Dept. at 281-478-7253.

## *Guidelines for Heavy Trash Pick Up*

- Tree limbs can be no greater than 50 lbs. in weight or 4 ft. in length.
- Concrete, bricks, shingles, paint cans, household chemicals, and solvents cannot be picked up at curbside. Please take those items to the Transfer Station on Saturdays from 9am-4:30pm.
- Tires, batteries and other car parts are not accepted by the landfill. Please contact an auto parts store for information on proper disposal.

## *Flood Information*

Because Deer Park is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents can purchase flood insurance to protect their properties against the hazards of flooding.



## Public Works

### *Important Facts*

- Floods can be caused by heavy storms, hurricanes, or inadequate/overloaded drainage systems.
- An inch of water can cause costly damage to your property.
- You don't need to live near water to be flooded.
- Approx. 25% of all flood insurance claims are paid on properties rated as being low to moderate risk areas.
- Most property insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding.
- Federal disaster assistance requires a Presidential declaration, which happens for less than 50% of flooding events.
- The most typical form of federal disaster assistance is a loan that must be repaid with interest.
- A flood policy will pay covered losses, even if a disaster is not declared by the President.
- The average flood insurance policy with \$100,000 in building coverage is \$400 a year, versus a monthly disaster loan payment of \$240 for many years on a \$50,000 disaster loan.
- There is a 30-day waiting period after you purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect.

### *Flood Map Services*

To review the flood maps and determine the flood zone your property is in, contact the Public Works Dept. at 281-478-7252. You can also visit [www.tsarp.org](http://www.tsarp.org) to check out the interactive maps.

### *City Projects*

- The *Lift Station Wet Well Rehabilitation 2010* project was awarded to Standard Cement Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$61,783.57.
- The *Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - Priority Area 1B* project is expected to be awarded by March 1.
- Sealed bids for the *2011 Sidewalk Improvement* project are expected to be opened March 9. Project is scheduled to be awarded by March 15.

## Maxwell Center

*Maxwell Adult Center*  
1201 Center Street  
281-478-7276

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for all Deer Park citizens, ages 55 and over. It is open from 9am–5pm, 5 days a week, and offers a variety of classes.

### *Meal Programs*

Seniors can participate in a congregate meal program and eat lunch in exchange for a \$2 donation. Lunch is served every day at 12pm. Reservations are required. We also have a home-bound meal program for seniors who are restricted to their homes.

### *Bus Trips*

For information on bus trips for seniors, please contact Virginia Harrell at 281-478-7276 or Donella Wooldridge at 281-479-7837.

## Economic Dev.

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Highway - Celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

- *Robert's Jug & Muffin*, corner of Center St. & 13<sup>th</sup> St. - Recently expanded its hours and is now open on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 7am to noon.

For more business news or to read the Economic Development Quarterly Newsletter, visit us online at [www.deerparktx.gov/ed](http://www.deerparktx.gov/ed) or contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator at 281-930-2070.

## The Republic Grill

*The Republic Grill*  
1600 Georgia  
281-479-2089

*Friday Omelet Bar* - Enjoy a custom made-to-order omelet, plus an assortment of sides every Friday from 7:30-10am. *\$7.95 per person*

*Sunday Buffet* - Enjoy unique entrees, an assortment of salads, and tempting desserts every Sunday from 11am-2pm. *\$13.95 per person*

*Banquet Hall* - The banquet hall at The Republic Grill is ideal for social and corporate functions. If you have a reason to celebrate, we've got the perfect room for your party.

*The Republic Grill is located in The Battleground at Deer Park Golf Course club house. To contact the golf course, please call 281-478-2080.*

# Police Department

## *City's Ordinance Regarding Solicitation*

The Deer Park Police Department would like to increase awareness of the City's ordinance regarding solicitation. The ordinance is divided into 2 sections and reads as follows:

### **Sec. 22-31. Peddlers, solicitors, etc., going upon private residence without invitation.**

It is against the law to go in and upon private residences in the city by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of goods, wares, services or merchandise, not having been requested or invited so to do by the owner or occupant of such private residence for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares, services and merchandise, and/or disposing of, and/or peddling or hawking such goods.

### **Sec. 22-32. Advertising and soliciting on street rights-of-way.**

No person shall advertise for sale, sell or offer to sell any kind of merchandise or services on any street right-of-way within the city. No person shall stand on the right-of-way of any street or highway for the purpose of soliciting contributions of any kind for any organization. No person shall stand on the right-of-way of any street or highway for the purpose of selling, offering for sale or advertising any product, property or service.

In the past, we have had issues with several nonprofit organizations soliciting donations along the road-

ways. In some cases, the members of these organizations go very near or actually enter the roadway to take the donation. This action poses a great danger to the member, as well as the passing motorist. In an effort to protect the welfare of the citizens within the community, we will be taking a proactive stance on the enforcement of this ordinance. We strongly encourage any organization who wishes to solicit within the City of Deer Park to become familiar with the ordinance. To read the City's Code of Ordinances in its entirety, go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), select *City Secretary* under the *Government* tab, and click on *Code of Ordinances*.

## *Motor Vehicle Burglary*

By simply being cognizant and taking a few simple steps in securing one's property, the chances of becoming a victim of property theft can be considerably reduced. The Deer Park Police Department recommends taking some steps to help minimize theft from vehicles.

**1. Lock Your Car.** Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even during quick errands. Lock the trunk, hatchback, or tailgate to block access into the car. Close all windows, including vent or wing windows, and sunroofs. Buy an alarm and use it. Although many people believe that alarms do not make a difference anymore, they remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Criminals will choose the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from, one with an alarm and one without one, they will likely burglarize the

one without.

**2. Remove visible items from your vehicle.** If you leave items visible in your car, you are a target. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, MP3 player, or cell-phone under your seat, especially in a public parking lot. Take these items with you or lock them in your trunk before arriving at your destination. Don't forget your GPS systems, radar detectors, and garage door openers are targets too.

**3. Report all suspicious activity to the police.** If you see something that looks suspicious, call 9-1-1. Suspicious activities may include a person looking into parked cars, persons walking around a neighborhood pulling on car door handles, the sound of breaking glass or a car alarm, or any vehicle driving without lights at night, cruising slowly or aimlessly.

Residents are encouraged to call 281-479-1511 to report suspicious activity. We need the community's eyes and ears to assist with catching these criminals. Help the Deer Park Police Department protect your property.

## *Peace Officers Memorial*

The Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service will be held on May 16 at 1pm at the Municipal Court and Theatre Building, 1302 Center Street. Please join us in this important event during National Police Week (May 15-21) to honor those in law enforcement who, while in the line of duty, lost their lives and paid the highest price for our safety.



## *Lock, Take & Hide Public Awareness Program*

The Deer Park Police Department has brought the Lock, Take & Hide program to our community. The program is a public awareness campaign that began in downtown Dallas in the fall of 2001 to reduce the number of auto thefts and auto burglaries throughout the community.

Other awareness programs related to auto burglary and auto theft have been tried but have only been marginally effective. A decrease in these types of property crimes within our community continues to be one of the goals for the Deer Park Police Department. The Lock, Take & Hide program will be effective in communicating the need for citizens to LOCK their cars, TAKE their keys, and HIDE their belongings. The large majority of auto burglaries occur when people leave their vehicles unsecured and/or their belongings in plain sight.

We encourage business owners, apartment complexes, shopping centers, homeowner associations, and neighborhood watch organizations to place Lock, Take & Hide signs on their properties and neighborhoods. The weatherproof, outdoor, metal signs will be available at no charge to anyone wishing to obtain a sign. For more information or to request a sign, please contact Sheila Plovovich at 281-930-2118 or send an e-mail to [splovovich@deerparktx.org](mailto:splovovich@deerparktx.org).

## *Citizen's Police Academy*



The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy generally runs for 14 weeks and covers several aspects of police-related work. Classes in the past have included hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, and self defense. Students also have the opportunity to listen to audio recordings, watch pursuit videos, and investigate mock crime scenes.

Prospective students must be at least 18 years of age with a clear criminal history, willingness to attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park. Graduates of the class are encouraged to join the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. The course is free and provided by the Deer Park Police Dept. For more information, contact Sheila Plovovich, Community Liaison, at 281-930-2118 or send an e-mail to [splovovich@deerparktx.org](mailto:splovovich@deerparktx.org).



## *Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition*

The Traffic Unit at the Deer Park Police Department, in conjunction with the Deer Park Emergency Services and the Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition, want to remind our citizens that we host car seat ed-

ucational awareness classes and seat inspections every month. Those attending the class may be eligible for a free car seat or simply an inspection of their existing car seat and installation procedures.

The 1-hour classes are held by appointment only on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at Deer Park Fire Station #1, 1302 Center Street, between 10am and 3pm. Car seat installation inspections usually take about 45 minutes and are by appointment only as well. Deer Park also works with Safe Kids Greater Houston to host this service at Monument Chevrolet in Pasadena on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 11am-5pm. For more information on the Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition, go to [www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org](http://www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org).

You must pre-register for the free classes and/or inspections by contacting Patty Morales from Safe Kids Greater Houston at 713-923-2316 extension 256 or Sergeant J.W. White from the Deer Park Police Department at 281-930-2152.

## *Vacation House Check*

Remember the Deer Park Police Department provides the Vacation House Check service for citizens who may go out of town for more than 3 days, especially during spring break and Easter holidays. To obtain the required form, visit the Records Unit at the Police Station or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police).

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## Evacuation Assistance Request Form – Chemical Emergency Or Impending Storm

***Please register in advance. Do NOT wait until a storm is in the Gulf of Mexico.***

*This service is for residents with special needs who do not have a vehicle, cannot drive themselves, or cannot make other transportation arrangements with family, friends, or neighbors. The City of Deer Park will help transport residents with special needs to a central staging area for state-supported transportation to a northern area designated by the State of Texas.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of persons living at this address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requiring assistance:

☐ Do not drive or no vehicle available but otherwise mobile

☐ Wheelchair..... ☐ Mobile without chair ..... ☐ Completely wheelchair bound

☐ Bedridden ..... ☐ Somewhat mobile ..... ☐ Completely bedridden

☐ Special conditions or needs \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nearest relative \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please have all medications ready to take with you in case of evacuation.***

***Mail form to:*** City of Deer Park, Parks & Recreation Dept., P.O. Box 700, Deer Park, Texas 77536. You may drop off the form at the Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine, or the Maxwell Adult Center, 1201 Center Street. Or, you may complete the form online at [www.deerparktx.gov/residents](http://www.deerparktx.gov/residents).

***For more information, call (281) 478-2050.***

## Citizen Work Request

Do you know of something that needs to be done? Maybe something we have missed? Please let us know. Simply complete this form and return it to: City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

*You can also submit a Work Request online using the City's Action Center. Visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).*

***Together we can make Deer Park a better place!***

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the work \_\_\_\_\_

May we call you for more information?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_



## *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

This Tony® award-winning musical comedy celebrates the mania of competition as the funniest, most lovable, and nerdy contestants, overseen by grownups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, compete for the spelling bee title. Six wacky misfits strive to define themselves as they confront the pitfalls of puberty and learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily mean you are a loser.

*\$25 Meal & Show Tickets (Catered by Honey Bee Ham & Deli)*

*\$15 Show-Only Tickets*

*March 4 & 5 - Meal at 7pm, Curtain at 8pm*



## *Greater Tuna*

Join Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie on OKKK radio as they bring you the daily happenings in Tuna, Texas. They will take on numerous characters from around Tuna-town to give audiences the latest and greatest news in the area, from gossip to reported U.F.O. sightings! This hilarious comedy will fill your evening with non-stop laughter.

*\$25 Meal & Show Tickets (Catered by Honey Bee Ham & Deli)*

*\$15 Show-Only Tickets*

*April 29 & 30 and May 6, 7, 13 & 14 - Meal at 7pm, Curtain at 8pm*

*May 1 & 15 - Meal at 1pm, Curtain at 2pm*

## *Coming Soon*



## *Hello Dolly*

Dolly Levi is the woman to see for just about anything. Need a husband? No problem. Can't dance? In 5 minutes, you'll be waltzing. Dolly has the world wrapped around her finger so when she sets her sights on the wealthy Horace Vandergelder, it's only a matter of time before it gets really interesting. Set off on a whirlwind race around New York in 1890 as we follow the adventures of America's most beloved matchmaker!

*July 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22 & 23*

## *Jr. Art Park Player Theatrical School*

Our award winning youth theatre academy, the Jr. Art Park Players, consists of 250 students and is directed by Susan Mele, Margo Staley, and Ryan Baker. For more information, call 281-478-7288 or send an email to [smele@deerparktx.org](mailto:smele@deerparktx.org).

*To purchase tickets for any of the shows, contact the Art Park Players Box Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building. For more information, go to [www.artparkplayers.com](http://www.artparkplayers.com).*

## *First Timer's Performance*

### *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

*March 3, 7pm*

Mayor Riddle and the Deer Park City Council cordially invite all Deer Park citizens who have never attended an Art Park Players' production to be their guests at the Annual First Timer's Performance on March 3. This year's show is the award winning musical comedy, *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. To attend this free performance, you must be a Deer Park resident living within the City limits who is at least 18 years old and has never attended an Art Park Players' performance. Call the APP Box Office at 281-794-2448 to make your reservations. We'll see you there!

# Council Actions

## *November 2010*

- Authorized the bidding for a 45-foot semi walking floor trailer for Sanitation.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2011 Freightliner with a 25 cubic high compaction rear loader for Sanitation through H-GAC.
- Accepted the Underground Storage Tank Removal Project.
- Awarded a bid for a one year supply of Ferric Chloride to PVS Technology in the amount of \$548 per dry ton.
- Awarded a bid for a one year supply of Pulsar Plus Calcium Hypochlorite Briquettes to R & K Commercial Aquatic Supply at \$2.10 per pound for a 50 pound pail or \$1.985 per 100 pound pail.
- Approved an agreement with Tremco Incorporated for roof maintenance in the amount of \$34,204.35.
- Appointed Councilman Thane Harrison as the City's representative and Councilwoman Beckie Stockstill-Cobb as alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) 2011 General Assembly and Board of Directors.
- Appointed Carey Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Adopted an ordinance establishing truck routes for eighteen wheelers.
- Entered into an interlocal agreement with Deer Park Independent School District for emergency services.
- Entered into a professional services agreement with Knudson Associates.
- Entered into an agreement for the replacement of metal roof decking and appurtenances on the fuel station canopy and City warehouse located at the Luella Service Center.
- Entered into an agreement to remodel the Public Works Crew Building located at the Luella Service Center.
- Revised the subdivision ordinance relating to the responsibility of detention facilities by property Home Owners' Associations.
- Amended the 2010-2011 FY Budget for reallocation of funds from the rehabilitation of the Coy Street Water Well project to the rehabilitation of fourteen lift stations.
- Authorized the advertisement and seeking of bids for the re-lining of fourteen lift station wet wells.
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- the amount of 2.36% for five years.
- Rejected bids for a new telephone system.
- Rejected bids for retrofitting interior lighting in City facilities. Authorized the project for re-bid.
- Authorized the purchase of Phase 3 of the Radio Upgrade program from H-GAC.
- Accepted Dartmouth Lane and Luella Avenue Storm Sewer, Pavement Replacement, and Water Line Replacement project.
- Authorized the submission of a grant to the National Rifle Association for surveillance equipment for the Police Dept.
- Amended the City's Tax Abatement program ordinance.
- Amended the effective date for new fees for the after school program.
- Rescinded the agreement with Camp Roofing for the roof repair on the Earl Dunn Gym. Authorized an agreement with Tremco for the roof repairs on the Earl Dunn Gym.
- Approved the application of Pasadena Taxi to operate a taxi business in Deer Park for 2011.
- Selected the Nuzzo Course Design firm as the architect for the Battleground Golf Course Greens Resurfacing project, and authorized staff to develop a contract with the architect for the project.
- Entered into an agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP for services to

## *December 2010*

- Awarded a bid for a six-month or ninety-day supply of Sodium Hexametaphosphate Granules for the Water Treatment Plant to DXI, Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1.36 per pound.
- Awarded a bid for a forty-five foot walking floor trailer with hydraulic top for the Transfer Station to Wilkens, Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$72,468.
- Awarded a bid for the lease/purchase financing of a vactor truck to Pinnacle Public Finance in



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collect delinquent medical services accounts.

- Approved the purchase of a VOIP Communications System through the State DIR.
- Amended the Storm Water ordinance for illicit discharges.
- Amended the Storm Water ordinance for erosion and sediment control.
- Approved an ordinance to ban outdoor donation boxes.
- Amended ordinance regarding fees for Certificates of Occupancy.
- Amended ordinance regarding fees associated with the Fire Marshal's office.

### *January 2011*

- Awarded a bid for the Lift Station Wet Well Rehabilitation 2010 project to Standard Cement Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$61,783.75, plus an additional 25%.
- Approved the appeal from Deer Park Rotary Club for a parade permit.
- Approved an agreement for Integrity-Centered Leadership training for the Police Dept.
- Selected a firm for a water/sewer rate study.
- Authorized an agreement with a golf course architect for the design and agronomic assessment of the Battleground Golf Course Greens Replacement project.
- Authorized staff to submit an application through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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- lighter fluids can build up in enclosed areas and cause an explosion when lighting.
- Turn the grill off at the gas source first to allow the line to empty and reduce the possibility of a line rupturing or gas release when disconnecting.
- Shut off the grill and let it cool before covering it. Cover disconnected hose end fittings and

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burner air intakes with plastic bags or fitting caps for protection when the grill is not in use.

- Secure your propane tank to your grill, stabilize it in a milk crate, or use stakes and rope to secure it to ground.
- Be aware of children when using grills, the hot exterior surface can create severe burns on contact.

## Police Department

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### *No Parking on Sidewalks*

Recently, there have been several complaints regarding vehicles parking on or blocking the sidewalks and forcing pedestrians to move into the street. The Deer Park Police Department would like to request your assistance in alleviating this issue. Parking on the sidewalk is not only against the law, but it causes an inconvenience to pedestrians who are trying to walk safely and keep out of the street.

Sec. 66-91 of the City's ordinance and Sec. 545.302 of the Texas Transportation Code addresses the issue by explaining that it is unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle or other vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street, on a sidewalk, in an intersection, or on a crosswalk, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with directions of an officer or traffic control sign or signal.

To read the City's Code of Ordinances in its entirety, visit us online at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), select *City Secretary* under the *Government* tab, and click on *Code of Ordinances*. For the full version of Chapter 545 of the Texas Transportation Code, go to [www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm).

Remember that the sidewalks are for pedestrians. More importantly, they are for our children to walk on so they can stay out of the path of moving vehicles. Please do not park your vehicles on the sidewalks or block the sidewalk with your vehicle. For more information, contact Sergeant J.W. White at 281-930-2152 or send an e-mail to [jwhite@deerparktx.org](mailto:jwhite@deerparktx.org).



# City Event Calendar



- 1 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
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- 3 Siren Test - 6pm
- APP - First Timer's Performance - 7pm
- 4 APP - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - 7pm
- 5 APP - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - 7pm
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- 7 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 8 Mystery Book Club - 6pm
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- 14 Family Flick - 10:30am
- Teen Bonanza - 1pm
- 15 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- Kids' Crafts - 2pm
- Pre-Teen Crafts - 4pm
- 16 Smash Kart Tournament - 1pm
- 17 Pre-Teen Game Day - 3pm
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- 21 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 22 LEPC Meeting - 11am
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- 1 Totally Texas BBQ Cook-Off starts
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- 4 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- Pre-Teen Crafts - 4pm
- 5 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- Kids' Crafts - 4pm
- Cheer Extravaganza
- 6
- 7 Siren Test - 6pm
- 8 Totally Texas Festival starts
- 9 Pitch, Hit & Run - 9am
- 10
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- 12 Mystery Book Club - 6pm
- 13
- 14 Friends Spring Book Sale starts
- Nature Nuts Camp - 7:30am
- Wheelin' World - 11am
- 15
- 16 Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30am
- Egg Hunt for Pooch - 2pm
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- 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
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- 21
- 22 City Services Closed
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- 24
- 25
- 26 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 27
- 28 Friends Annual Meeting - 7pm
- 29 APP - Greater Tuna starts
- 30 Fitness Day - 10am



- 1
- 2 Early Voting starts
- Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 3 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
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- 5 Siren Test - 6pm
- Mini Summer Kick-Off - 6pm
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- 10 Mystery Book Club - 6pm
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- 14 Election Day - 7am
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- 16 Peace Officers Memorial - 1pm
- Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 17 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
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- 24 LEPC Meeting - 11am
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- 30 City Services Closed
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You can now conveniently pay your water bill by automatic bank draft. For information on setting up the electronic draft, call 281-478-7221. You can also pay online by signing in to use the utility billing services at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).



To keep you informed about what's happening in our community, the City of Deer Park has the email notification service **CITY NEWS**. To join, visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) and click the *CITY NEWS icon*.

**City services will be closed on April 22 & May 30 in observance of Good Friday & Memorial Day.**

**Curbside collection of rubbish will resume on your next regular collection day.**

## Election Information

The City of Deer Park will conduct a General Election and three Special Elections on May 14, 2011.

#### *Register to Vote*

Those wishing to vote in the May 14th elections must be registered to vote by April 14, 2011. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, the Deer Park Public Library, and the Harris County Clerk's Office.

#### *File to Run for Office*

If you would like to apply for a place on the General Election ballot, you must do so by 5pm on March 14, 2011 with the City Secretary.

#### *General Election*

The City of Deer Park will conduct a General Election on May 14, 2011 to elect a Mayor and three Council members.

#### *Special Elections*

The City of Deer Park will also conduct three (3) Special Elections on May 14, 2011. The City is developing explanatory/educational information on the three Special Election measures which will be made available to the public.

#### *Early Voting*

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 710 E. San Augustine as follows:

May 2-3, 7am-7pm  
May 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10, 8am-5pm

#### *Election Day*

On election day, voting will be conducted at the Deer Park Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine, from 7am-7pm.

*Contact the City Secretary's Office at 281-478-7248 or visit the City's website at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) for more information.*